

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 11 with the following replacement paragraph:

- FIG. 1A is a partial transverse cross section of a pneumatic tire according to the invention and FIG. 1B is a partial perspective view of belts in a pneumatic tire.

2. Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 21 and ending on page 9, line 6, with the following replacement paragraph:

The crown 2 comprises:

- a carcass structure 8;

- reinforcing plies forming a breaker belt 7 disposed radially outside the carcass structure 8 and having in this embodiment two crossed plies 12, 13 of high elastic modulus at high stress cords, laid at angles α , β , from 27 to 37 degrees with respect of the circumferential rolling direction in parallel to each other but crosswise to the cords of the next ply, here α , β are in the order of +33 and -33 degrees, respectively; these cords are advantageously made of steel but aramid cords can also be used;

- a first crown reinforcement having an outer full-width ply 14 having cords substantially oriented in the circumferential direction made of high elastic modulus at high stress organic fiber cord;

- two edge plies 15 made of high elastic modulus at high stress cords, which are substantially circumferentially oriented;

- a second crown reinforcement having a center ply 16 made of low elastic modulus at high stress fiber cord oriented substantially in the circumferential direction and placed in the center part of the crown; and

- a tread 17 with a central rib 18.